

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7-12, and 21-33 are now pending in the application. Claims 14-20 have been withdrawn. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the remarks contained herein.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Applicant acknowledges the withdrawal of claims 14-20 from the present application pursuant to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement. Applicant hereby reserves the right to prosecute the subject matter of these claims at a later date.

Claims 1-4, 7-12, and 21-33 currently stand rejected based on nonstatutory double patenting.

In response, Applicant offers the Appended Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c).

In support of the Terminal Disclaimer, Applicant has provided a copy of the Notice of Recordation of Assignment for the priority application U.S. Serial No. 09/664,896 now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,562,740 and a copy of the Assignment for the present application. As should be clear from a review of the referenced documents, both the patent and the present application are commonly assigned to the same party.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests

that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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